

**TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD - PUBLIC HEARING
ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING APPLICATION PROCEDURES
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014 7:25 p.m.**

President Slifka opened the Public Hearing at 10:52 p.m.

President Slifka: We'll call to order the 7:25 public hearing which is an ordinance amending zoning application procedures. Roll call, please, Ms. Labrot.

Councilors Barnes, Captain, Casperson, Davidoff, Doar, Hall, Kindall and Slifka were present. Mr. Kavalier was present as Alternate for Councilor Cantor who was absent.

President Slifka: Here. Okay. Wow, Mr. Alair, here you are.

Mr. Alair: It's me again. Alright, this ordinance actually accomplishes three different technical changes all rolled into one because we could do them in one section. The most important of them was a change suggested by Councilor Davidoff. He had suggested or raised the possibility that in SDD applications, we require applicants to provide information regarding recycling and waste management. Rather than do that, we rolled it into our application requirements for all land use applications so that you will certainly get that information in the future but so will the TP&Z and the town planner. The second change is a provision that basically says that by submitting an application, you consent to receive communications from the town electronically. We're hoping to save some money on mail cost. And the third change is some of our ordinances which have been in place for many years have not been amended to keep up with changes in statutes regarding timeframes for opening hearings, closing hearings, rendering decisions. So we're amending – taking the opportunity to amend to parallel with the existing statutory requirements.

President Slifka: Thank you, Mr. Alair? Anything from the council? Okay. No one signed up to speak. No one appears to want to speak. And so we'll read into the record letter dated May 7, 2014 from Town Planning and Zoning commission recommending approval and letter dated April 25, 2014 from Capital Region Council of Governments finding no apparent conflict with regional plans and policies or the concerns of neighboring towns. If there is nothing else from the council, we will close the public hearing.

Public Hearing was closed at 10:55 p.m.

Essie S. Labrot

Town Clerk/Council Clerk

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